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Exec	<p>C/PP. --</p> <p>I advise most decidedly against using the approach shown in the attached draft, even though I am handicapped by having very few data on either the strike or the psychology of Guat labor. Two facts, however, stand out :</p> <p>1) BLACK cannot be used under all circumstances and for every arbitrarily chosen purpose: it must be somehow "possible". This idea of declaring a strike (which falls into an only too well known CP pattern) for absolutely no logical reason at all an "anti-CP manoeuver" has little chance to be accepted even by primitive listeners -- but the majority of owners of short-wave sets in Guat are probably not too primitive, either. Fight against UFCO for both material and nationalist motives has been conducted by CP and applauded by majority Guat workers for years now. There is a distinct danger that they will <u>not only disbelieve this particular broadcast, but doubt the veracity of SHERWOOD altogether !</u></p> <p>2) Assume, however, the broadcast is believed: we run then the risk that the workers accept the strike as "approved by the underground" -- and we might even cause those workers to strike who would otherwise have stayed on their jobs, or at least participated only reluctantly. We might thus create some confusion, to be sure, but the end result will be only a bigger and better strike !</p> <p>I recommend that we follow- at least for the moment - the course suggested in the 2 cables I wrote : getting more info and exploring possible HQ action via STATE and [] I do not believe that we can escape from a real dilemma simply by an entirely unfounded black manoeuver . Once we know more, we might prepare a statement, also approving of the workers demands, but along less phantastic, more believable lines.</p> <p>[]</p> <p>(18 - Believe too sophisticated for our audience. Already in Salv there's a rumour Sherwood must be dead. Trick thus this tack might boomarm []</p> <p>[]</p>	<p>18 May</p> <p>22</p> <p>PP</p> <p>Sherwood</p> <p>File</p> <p>P-101</p>